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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C2)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on December 19, 2008 has been entered. Claims 26 and 40 have been amended. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 26-61 are still pending in this application, with claims 26 and 40 being independent.
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/19/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 26-50 and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dent (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0060195 A1), in view of Bronner (US 5,873,046).
4. In regards to claims 26, 40, and 58, Dent discloses a dual mode receiver and transmitter (e.g., dual mode telephone/phone, See Fig. 1) operable to receive signals in a first mode (See Fig. 2 and GSM mode) having an associated first channel spacing, and to receive signals in a second mode (See Fig. 2 and satellite mode) having an associated second channel spacing smaller than the first channel spacing (See pg. 3, paragraph [0030] – [0031], comprising: first and second front-end RF stages for receiving a signal transmitted in the first mode at a first carrier frequency and the second mode at a second carrier frequency different from the first carrier frequency, respectively (See pg. 2, paragraph [0022]; pg. 2-3, paragraph [0027]; and pg. 3, paragraph [0036])). Dent, however, does not specifically disclose further circuitry, the further circuitry being operable to receive an intermediate frequency (IF) common to each mode of operation and to supply a further signal to further RF circuitry. Bronner, however, does disclose further circuitry (See Fig. 3 and integrated dual-mode intermediate-frequency (IF) amplifier 330), the further circuitry being operable to receive

an intermediate frequency (IF) common to each mode (e.g., analog mode and digital mode) of operation and to supply a further signal to further RF circuitry (See col. 1 lines 6-10, col. 2 lines 25-30, and col. 6 lines 39-58). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the limitation within the receiver, as a way of integrating the functions of the conventional dual IF-amplifier chains into a single dual-mode amplifier chain capable of operating in both digital and analog modes.

5. In regards to claims 27 and 41, Dent discloses a receiver and transmitter, comprising two frequency down-conversion stages (See pg. 1, paragraph [0011] and pg. 4, paragraph [0046]).

6. In regards to claims 28, 32, 37, 42, 45, 49, and 59, Dent discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein a synthesizer (See Fig. 3 and synthesizer 400) associated with one frequency down-conversion stage has a frequency resolution equal to the channel spacing associated with the received signal (See pg. 1, paragraph [0011] and pg. 4, paragraph [0046]).

7. In regards to claims 29, 33, 38, 43, 46, and 50, Dent discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein a synthesizer (See Fig. 2, synthesizer 34 and Fig. 3, synthesizer 400) associated with another frequency down-conversion stage has a frequency resolution wider than the channel spacing associated with the received signal (See pg. 3, paragraph [0030] – [0031] and pg. 4, paragraph [0046] – [0047]).

8. In regards to claim 30, Dent discloses all of claim 30 limitations, except a receiver, operable to convert signals received in the first mode and the second mode

directly to a common intermediate frequency. Bronner, however, does disclose a receiver (See Fig. 3 and dual-mode mobile-station receiver 300), operable to convert signals received in the first mode (e.g., analog mode or digital mode) and the second mode (e.g., analog mode or digital mode) directly to a common intermediate frequency (See col. 2 lines 25-30, and col. 6 lines 39-58).

9. In regards to claims 31, 35, 36, 44, 48, 60, and 61, Dent discloses a receiver and transmitter, further comprising: a first antenna (See Fig. 1 and 900 MHz Antenna) for receiving a first signal in the first mode (e.g., GSM mode); a filter (See Fig. 2, IF filter/amplifier 54 and low-pass filter {47}) associated with the first antenna for selecting signals lying in a predetermined first frequency band; a first mixer (See Fig. 2 and VCO 40) for mixing the received first signal with a first local oscillator signal; a second antenna (See Fig. 1 and 1525-1660 MHz Antenna) for receiving a second signal in the second mode (e.g., satellite mode); a filter (See Fig. 2, IF filter/amplifier 55 and low-pass filter {LPF} 46) associated with the second antenna for selecting signals lying in a predetermined second frequency band; a second mixer (See Fig. 2 and VCO 41) for mixing the received second signal with a second local oscillator signal; a switch (See Fig. 3 and transmit/receive switch 107) for selecting between signals received in the first mode and the second mode having as an output, the output of the first mixer or the second mixer; and a third mixer (See Fig. 2 and mixer 42) for mixing the output of the switch with a third local oscillator signal to produce a signal suitable for base band processing (See pg. 3, paragraph [0030] – [0031]).

10. In regards to claims 34, 39, and 47, Dent discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein the first local oscillator signal is produced by a combined output of the first and the second synthesizers (See pg. 3, paragraph [0030] – [0031] and pg. 4, paragraph [0046] – [0047]).

11. Dent discloses all of claim 56 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the first channel spacing is 200 KHz. Dent, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the first channel spacing is 6MHz (See pg. 3, paragraph [0038]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use 200 KHz as the first channel spacing, as a way of providing a first channel spacing that is wider than the second channel spacing.

12. Dent discloses all of claim 57 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the second channel spacing is 41.67 KHz or 25 KHz. Dent, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the second channel spacing is 450 KHz (See pg. 3, paragraph [0038]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use 41.67 KHz or 25 KHz as the second channel spacing, as a way of providing a second channel spacing that is smaller than the first channel spacing.

13. Claims 51-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dent (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0060195 A1), in view of Bronner (US 5,873,046), and further in view of Ramesh et al (US 5,943,324).

14. Dent and Bronner disclose all of claim 51 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system in the first mode. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter (See Fig. 2, Fig. 4, Fig. 6, dish antenna 215, antenna 400, and receiver 610), operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system (See Fig. 2 and terrestrial cellular network 100) in the first mode (See col. 4 lines 21-42). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to make the receiver or transmitter operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system in the first mode, as a way of allowing the receiver or transmitter to be able to operate within a cellular communication system.
15. Dent and Bronner disclose all of claim 52 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, operable with a satellite communication system in the second mode. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, operable with a satellite communication system in the second mode (See col. 2-3 lines 63-15, col. 5 lines 16-31, and col. 5-6 lines 54-12).
16. Dent and Bronner disclose all of claim 53 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the terrestrial cellular communication system is GSM. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the terrestrial cellular communication system is GSM (See col. 5 lines 16-31 and col. 8-9 lines 52-1).
17. Dent and Bronner disclose all of claim 54 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is IRIDIUM. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO (See col. 2 lines 16-22 and

col. 4 lines 22-22), therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to use IRIDIUM as the satellite system.

18. Dent and Bronner disclose all of claim 55 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO (See col. 2 lines 16-22 and col. 4 lines 22-22).

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 26-61 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Vannatta (US 5,630,213) teaches a RF antenna switch and method of operating the same. Phillips et al. (US 6,072,994) teach a digitally programmable multifunction radio system architecture.

21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THJUAN K. ADDY whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

22. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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